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| | + The FBIS Wire Services Staff initiated the first CRITIC on the 9 September coup attempt in Thailand and sent seven follow-ups to the CRITIC on subsequent developments. FBIS Bangkok Bureau filed numerous reports on which radio stations, including military stations, were siding with the Thai government. | |
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| | + FBIS is hosting its annual Foreign National Orientation Program this week. For the program, five outstanding FBIS foreign national employees are brought to Washington for a week of briefings on FBIS headquarters activities and general orientation. Participants this year came from Bangkok, Seoul, Amman, Asuncion, and Panama. | |
| | + Prior to the departure of Assistant Secretary of State Wolfowitz to Moscow, FBIS provided him with a memo noting a change in tone in Moscow's public commentary on Chinese economic reform since Gorbachev assumed power. | |
| | + Following consultations with the Arms Control Intelligence Staff (ACIS), FBIS is highlighting reports bearing on SDI issues in its ARMS CONTROL report by titling the lead section of the report "SDI and Space Arms." ACIS has also asked FBIS for an update next month of a special analytic memorandum on Soviet statements on SDI. The original memo has been seen by the Secretary of Defense and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. | |
| + In response to a cable by the American Embassy Prague asking for an FBIS analysis of any differences between the versions of the Gorbachev interview for TIME as published in TIME, PRAVDA, and RUDE PRAVO, FBIS was able to confirm that the PRAVDA and RUDE PRAVO version were virtually identical. FBIS referred the embassy to its already published analysis of the differences between the PRAVDA and TIME versions. | | |
| + FBIS and SOVA are collaborating on a 2-year project, funded by SOVA and managed by FBIS, for translation on diskettes of 4-6 million words from back issues of the MILITARY HISTORY JOURNAL for SOVA's data base. The translations will be carried out by JPRS contract personnel. | | |
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| independent contractors submitting translations on diskettes, 28 percent of total JPRS output. The diskettes reduce editing time and eliminate retyping. | |
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| + FBIS published an article from an Azerbaijani scholarly journal in Azeri containing the first data seen on the working age population of the USSR since the 1979 census. The data was reported in a NID item. | |
| + At the request of the Director of International Finance, Federal Reserve Board, FBIS provided him with a pre-publication copy of the state of the nation speech by Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid. | |
| + The U.S. Ambassador in Mogadishu turned over to the Somali defense minister a copy of an FBIS item reporting radio and wire service stories alleging that the U.S. and Somalia have agreed on a lease of territory for nuclear waste storage | |

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